SEC. 2. Repeal—expenses—appropriation. That section 2888-h be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"No member of the commission shall ever receive any compensation for services as a member, but the traveling expenses of members in attending meetings of the commission, or in visiting or establishing libraries and other incidental and necessary expenses connected with the work of the commission, shall be paid including the necessary expense in the maintenance and extension of the traveling library system, provided that the whole amount of said expense and salaries shall not exceed the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) in any one year, not more than six thousand dollars (\$6,000) of said sum to be used in the payment of salaries. All bills and accounts incurred by the commission or by its members under the law, and all expenses of the members of the commission, and its secretary and its assistants shall be itemized, verified and certified by the chairman and secretary of the commission, and be audited and allowed by the executive council before being paid. The state auditor shall issue warrants therefor upon the state treasurer, and there is hereby annually appropriated from any funds in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and any balance not expended in any one year may be added by the commission to the expenditure for any ensuing year."

Approved April 9, A. D. 1909.

CHAPTER 191.

SALE OF LANDS WITHIN THE BEDS OF MEANDERED LAKES.

S. F. 359.

AN ACT repealing section two thousand, nine hundred-a twenty-five (2900-a25) of the supplement to the code, 1907, and enacting a substitute for the same, relating to the sale of the lands within the beds of meandered lakes.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Repeal—sale—abutting land owners. That the law as it appears in section two thousand nine hundred-a twenty-five (2900-a25) of the supplement to the code, 1907, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"After the report of the appraisers has been received and filed in the office of the secretary of state, the executive council shall offer the land belonging to the state and composing such lake bed, and included in such survey and appraisement, for sale, and the persons owning lands abutting upon such lake bed and contiguous to lands owned by the state therein, shall have the first right to purchase the lands offered for sale by the state, in an amount sufficient to make the lands owned by them which abut upon the lake or lake bed and are contiguous to lands of the state, conform to the smallest government sub-division of public lands, at the price fixed by the appraisers. The option to purchase by abutting land owners shall terminate ninety days after the date of filing the appraisers' report in the office of the secretary of state. All other lands included in such survey and composing the lake bed belonging to the state, which may be sold under the provisions hereof, shall be sold for the highest price obtainable; but no sale of any of said land shall be made at less than the appraised value thereof, and the land within no lake bed shall be sold, under the provisions of this section, for an amount less than the aggregate expense incurred or authorized by the state for surveying, appraising, draining and other expenses on account of said lake or lake bed.'

SEC. 2. In effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the Register and Leader and the Des Moines Capital, daily newspapers published in the city of Des Moines, Iowa.

Approved April 10, A. D. 1909.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published in the Register and Leader and Des Moines Capital April 12, A. D. 1909.

W. C. HAYWARD, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 192.

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE BY EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND GUARDIANS.

H. F. 292.

AN ACT to repeal section two thousand nine hundred forty-two-j (2942-j) of the supplement to the code, 1907, relating to certain conveyances of real estate legalized by executors, administrators and guardians in this and foreign states and to enact a substitute therefor.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Repeal—certain conveyances of real estate legalized. That section two thousand nine hundred forty-two-j (2942-j) of the supplement to

the code, 1907, be repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

"That in all cases where, prior to the year A. D. eighteen hundred eightyfive (1885), an executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, duly appointed and qualified, and acting as such in this, or any other state, has conveyed in such trust capacity, real estate lying in this state, and such conveyance has been of record since prior to the first day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred eighty-five (1885) in the county where the real estate so conveyed is located, and the possession of said real estate since said date has rested in the grantee thereunder, or parties claiming by, through or under him, such conveyance shall not be held void or insufficient by reason of the fact that due and legal notice of all proceedings with reference to the making of any such conveyance was not served upon all interested or necessary parties, or that such executor, administrator, trustee, or guardian is not shown to have been duly authorized by an order of court to make and execute such conveyance, or that a bond was not given therefor; or that no report of the sale was made; or such sale or deed of conveyance was not approved by order of court, or that any such foreign executor, administrator, trustee or guardian was not appointed or qualified in the state of Iowa, prior to the making of such conveyance, and all such conveyances are hereby legalized and declared valid, legal and binding, and of full force and effect."

Approved April 15, A. D. 1909.

CHAPTER 193.

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

S. F. 18.

AN ACT to amend section three thousand and fifty-three (3053) of the code of 1897 relating to legal holidays.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Holidays. That section No. 3053 of the code of 1897, relating to holidays is hereby amended by inserting in the second line of said section